

REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES
Director

Rebecca A. Humphries became director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment January 17, 2010, after serving as director of the former Department of Natural Resources since 2004.

Created under executive order by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, the DNRE assumed the powers and functions of the departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, both of which were abolished by the executive order.

Humphries is responsible for the administration and direction of the new department, which includes 2,850 employees and a budget of \$700 million. The new department will:

- Implement an ecosystem-based strategy for resource management aimed at protecting and enhancing the sustainability, diversity and productivity of the state's natural resources;
- Provide for continuous improvement of Michigan's air, water and soils while facilitating and encouraging economic growth;
- Facilitate the use and protection of Michigan's natural resources in a sustainable manner;
- Preserve Michigan's rich outdoor heritage;
- Provide quality and accessible public outdoor recreation;
- Restore the Great Lakes and other degraded natural systems to ensure resiliency and sustainability; and
- Promote stewardship of Michigan's natural and cultural resources through education, awareness and action.

Humphries began her career with the agency in 1978 as a property specialist in the Real Estate Division, moving in 1981 to the Wildlife Division where she became chief in 1998, leaving that post to become DNR director in 2004.

Humphries is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in fisheries and wildlife, and has completed course work toward her MBA through the University of Wisconsin. She was awarded an honorary Ph.D. in public service from Central Michigan University in December 2004.

The Michigan DNRE is committed to conserve, manage, protect and promote accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environmental, natural resource and related economic interests for current and future generations.